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TELEPHONE LINES ON LEASE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the public sector Banks taken lease of the lines of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limnited (BSNL) particularly for Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) and core banking solutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether frequent disruptions have been occurred due to the repairs of the lines by the BSNL staff which are connected to ATMs;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has formulated any specific guidelines for the BSNL to make alternative stand by arrangements mendatory; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main Public Sector Banks which have taken leased circuits from BSNL are as follows:

1. UCO Bank

2. State Bank of India and its associated banks.

3. Canara Bank

4. Central Bank

5. Union Bank

6. United Bank of India

7. Syndicate Bank

8. Punjab National Bank

9. Reserve Bank of India

10. Allahabad Bank

11. Indian Bank

12. Bank of Baroda

13. Vijaya Bank

14. Bank of India

15. Bank of Maharashtra

16. Bank of Rajasthan

17. Oriental Bank of Commerce

18. Indian Overseas Bank

19. Corporation Bank

20. Andhra Bank

21. Dena Bank

22. Punjab & Sind Bank.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) & (f) Yes, Sir.BSNL has its own guidelines.Standby cable pair is being provided as back up wherever technically feasible in local lead portion.The long distance media is being provided on self healing OFC rings for standby connectivity.BSNL also provides backup Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) connections on demand of the subscribers.